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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
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TENTH ANNUAL REUNION  
OF  
THE SOCIETY OF  
DESCENDANTS OF  
HENRY WOLCOTT

10th Reunion



HELD AT CLEVELAND, OHIO  
SEPTEMBER 2d AND 3d, 1914



Report of the Tenth Annual Reunion  
Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott

Held Sept. 2d and 3d, 1914, at Cleveland, O.

The tenth annual meeting of the Society of the Descendants of Henry Wolcott was held in the Lattice Room of the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, and was opened at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of September 2, 1914.

The following named descendants were registered:

- Aten, Mrs. Maria Burbridge, Chicago, Ill.  
Aten, Stella Wolcott, Chicago, Ill.  
Bliss, Harry A., Cleveland, Ohio.  
Case, Mrs. Gertrude Cole, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Cole, Mrs. Maverette Wolcott, Geneva, Ohio.  
Dunham, Mrs. Mary Wolcott, Waverly, N. Y.  
Frazer, Mrs. Beulah Wolcott, Chicago, Ill.  
Fisher, Mrs. Percy L., New York City.  
Fitch, Mrs. C. C., Struthers, Ohio.  
Green, Mary Wolcott, New York City.  
Haines, Mr. and Mrs. W. J., Warren, Ohio.  
Hawxhurst, Mrs. Emma, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Hoyt, Mrs. K. S., Toledo, Ohio.  
Hoyt, Louise, Toledo, Ohio.  
Hoyt, Helen E., Toledo, Ohio.  
Hudson, Mrs. Ann L., Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Hull, Mrs. Freddie Wolcott, Maumee, Ohio.  
Johnson, Mrs. Lorena Wolcott, St. Johns, Mich.  
Mahaffy, Mrs. L. W., Canton, Ohio.  
McMillan, Mrs. K. W., Chicago, Ill.  
Paterno, Dr. and Mrs. Charles, New York City.  
Paterno, Carlo, New York City.  
Saint, Clara, Canton, Ohio.  
Smith, Grace Wolcott, Warren, Ohio.  
Wolcott, C. H., Ashtabula, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Mrs. C. H., Orwell, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F., Cleveland, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Dorothy, Orwell, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan B., Kent, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Dorr, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. E. C., Warren, Ohio.  
Wolcott, Dr. Edwin H., Rochester, N. Y.

Wolcott, Ethel B., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K., Batavia, Ill.  
 Wolcott, Mrs. H. W. E., East Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Homer J., Lockwood, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Jack M., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome, East Orwell, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Judson E., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, K. W., Akron, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruce, Baltimore, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mary, Akron, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mary Goehring, Jefferson, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mrs. Metta E., Akron, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. N. A., Warren, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Oliver H., Akron, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mrs. Oliver, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Rose A., Lakewood, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. R. H., Rockcreek Station, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. S. E., East Orwell, Ohio.  
 Wolcott, Stella A., Topeka, Kan.  
 Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Jefferson, Ohio.  
 Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. E. A., Jefferson, Ohio.  
 Woolcott, John, Harrisburg, Ill.  
 Woolcott, William, Winchester, Ky.

In the absence of the President, Harry K. Wolcott, of Norfolk, Va., who was unable to attend, Judson E. Wolcott, of Cleveland, Vice-President and Chairman of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order. After expressing the regrets of the Society and himself at the absence of the president, he introduced Hon. Duncan Brewster Wolcott as the latest scion of a family of Senators, his father and grandfather having each held that honorable office before him, and proposed his name as temporary presiding officer. Senator Wolcott upon taking the chair introduced the Hon. Newton D. Baker, Mayor of Cleveland, who made a short address of welcome.

Among other things Mayor Baker said was to recall a visit which he had made to Europe where one of the noticeable features that had impressed itself on his mind was the care with which family traditions and family ties were preserved. America, he said, had been very lax about this, but of late years there was a tendency to pay more attention to the family tree and its collateral branches and to rekindle the fires of family amity about ancestral hearthstones. He said that although sometimes there might seem to be too much stress paid to the family name and too little to the real worth of the individual, family pride was a worthy pride and that this uniting of families and the promoting of a broad and tolerant spirit of brotherly



love and helpfulness, which such unions and reunions must do, could not but be beneficial to society at large.

The speaker paid a high tribute to the Wolcott family, with the history of which he seemed familiar, down from the days when Henry Wolcott, the first of the name in America, founded the town of Windsor in the "Land of steady habits," in the making of which he and his stalwart sons and their descendants played so important a part. Next to Connecticut, where the Wolcott family in America took its start, he said that Ohio seemed to have been the most popular with the descendants of Henry of Windsor, and that surely no state owed more to the Wolcott family than Ohio, where pioneers of that name had hewed homes out of the wilderness in many sections and ever since pioneer days had taken their place as earnest, loyal and influential citizens. The people of Cleveland, he said, united in giving warm welcome to the scattered descendants of a representative patriotic American family, as a testimonial of their regard to the members of that family settled within the boundaries of their own proud state.

Hon. Duncan B. Wolcott replied to the able and earnest address of Mayor Baker, thanking him in behalf of the Society and the Ohio Wolcotts. He spoke at some length upon the influence that the Wolcotts and other New England families had had on the vast growth and prosperity of not only Ohio, but all the great Northwest territory, and how that influence has been felt in the making of a nation and the moulding of its thought and morals. He also told much of interest of the Wolcott pioneers of Ohio and their early struggles and later triumphs. At the close of this address an adjournment was taken until afternoon.

## Afternoon Session, Wednesday, September 2d

The business session began at 2 o'clock with the Hon. Duncan Brewster Wolcott presiding.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read from the following named members:

President Harry K. Wolcott, Norfolk, Va.  
Mr. Robert R. Wolcott, Wethersfield, Conn.  
Mr. Roscoe Wolcott, Watertown, Ohio.  
Mr. Darwin S. Wolcott, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Mr. William A. Wolcott, Hartford, Conn.  
Mrs. Mary H. S. Johnston, Humboldt, Iowa.  
Mr. G. F. Wolcott, Jefferson, Ohio.  
Mr. Clarence E. Wolcott, Syracuse, N. Y.  
Mr. J. H. Timberlake, Steubenville, Ohio.  
Mr. Darwin B. Wolcott, Garfield, Kansas.  
Mrs. Henry Clay Wolcott, Harrington, Del.  
Miss Ada Wolcott, Dover, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Hull, a descendant from Maumee, Ohio, brought the regrets of Mrs. Eva Wolcott Gentry, who was unable to be present because of serious illness, in Rhinefrank Hospital, Perrysburg, Ohio. The Society instructed the Secretary to write to Mrs. Gentry expressing the general regret at her absence and their wishes for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Henry K. Wolcott made the motion, which was seconded by Miss Rose Wolcott, that a letter of greeting be sent to the Daughters of America, who were holding a State Convention in the Hotel Statler. This was done and a most courteous reply was later received as follows:

THE SOCIETY OF DESCENDANTS OF HENRY WOLCOTT—*Greeting:*

The Society of Daughters of America in convention assembled return the greeting of your society and extend best wishes for the prosperity of your society and all measures for the perpetuation of American ideals by our splendid old American families.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

JULIA T. ROTH, Secretary.

The report of the Secretary was then read.

### Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. President and Fellow Members: If there is any one of the blood who has grown tired of life on account of its monotonous round, let him beseech his relatives to elect him Secretary-Treasurer of the Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott. That position offers some new and unexpected phase of mental and physical activity every day in the week.

Until two years ago, I had supposed that the duties of Secretary meant the writing of letters, preparing reports and such routine work as might appear in the course of the Society's business. I am wiser now. From my experience, I feel that the ideal Secretary is expected to be accomplished in all business methods, wise in everything pertaining to genealogy, conversant with the names, addresses and family lines of the 3,000 names in the card index, endowed with psychological insight as to the reason why certain branches of the family received more attention in the book published by the Society than others, an expert in the art of advertising, an adept at stenography and journalism, as well as an authority upon the weather, the high cost of living, the parcels post system, and the real cause of the European War.

Lacking so many points necessary for the ideal Secretary, I can only assure you that I have enjoyed the work, and especially the friendly letters from all over the country, and although the writers of many of these may always be strangers to me by sight, I feel that I have gained much by the contact with the minds of so varied a family and I appreciate the experience.

There have been sent out from the office of the Secretary-Treasurer during the year about 2,363 pieces of mail, which include reports, bills, receipts, stationery, pins, and scores of letters.

As recommended last year, we had only 500 reports printed. These were sent out to members, those who attended the reunion last year, to all who had ever paid dues and to all who had made inquiries that showed a beginning of interest, and finally to those bearing the name living in the vicinity of Cleveland, distributing them around in sections where there were Wolcotts living in order to arouse interest in the present reunion. The cost of printing 500 was no greater than would have been the cost of printing 300.

But one complaint has reached the Secretary from any paying member, about failure to get the mail sent. Several pieces of mail have been returned by the postoffice department. The card index must be changed constantly.

Circular letters to the members to the number of 500 were prepared and sent out to as many names on the card index. These were to persons who had never paid dues or whose dues had not been paid for four years or more. This letter gave the facts of the formation of the Society, its aim, accomplishments and membership, together with an invitation to join the Society. This resulted in several new memberships and brought promise of some others in the future. All new members have furnished proofs of eligibility, and by this the annals of the family are slowly being completed. As an example, one woman has become interested whose family line, so far as the printed

record goes has been lost since 1856. She is bringing it up to date and interesting others of her line, so that it is expected that a number of her family will join the Society.

Over 1,200 invitations to this reunion were sent out. Besides this your Secretary prepared notices for newspaper publications which were sent to each Vice-President, to be printed in their home or state papers. Clippings from many of these papers have been received showing that the vice-presidents have done their work well. These clippings have been added to the scrap-book.

There have been several deaths in our membership. Where notice of such deaths have been received the Secretary has written letters of condolence in the name of the Society. The death of the following named members has been reported:

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- Mr. FRANK B. WOLCOTT, Cleveland, Ohio,  
Died January 4, 1914.
- Mr. SIDNEY WOLCOTT, Buchanan, Mich.,  
Died January, 1914.
- Mr. HOWARD O. WOLCOTT, Litchfield, Pa.,  
Died in New York City, Oct. 13, 1913.
- Mr. OSCAR WOLCOTT (father of Howard), Litchfield, Pa.,  
Died Feb. 23, 1914.
- Mrs. SARAH HADLOCK WOLCOTT (mother of Howard),  
Died April 19, 1914. Litchfield, Pa.
- Mr. PRESTON WOLCOTT, Austin, Pa.,  
Died April 13, 1914.
- Mrs. ELIZA WOLCOTT McVAUGH, Elmira, N. Y.,  
Died April 15, 1912.
- Mr. ARCHIE McVAUGH (her son),  
Killed in Cleveland, June 28, 1912.
- Dr. OLIVER M. WOLCOTT, Columbus, Ohio,  
Died April 25, 1914.
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Last year, the Secretary-Treasurer was commissioned by the Society to purchase a die for embossing stationery with the coat-of-arms of the Society and to secure suitable stationery bearing this emblem. A report had been made that a die could be obtained for \$14.00, and a letter from the firm of the Siegel-Cooper Co. making that offer had been filed. But when a check for that amount was sent with an order for the die, the Company repudiated their offer claiming that a mistake had been made, although confronted with their own letter. They declared that \$27.50 was their lowest figure for the

die. Another firm was then secured which made the die for \$15.00. I thought the Society would be willing to pay the extra dollar. The embossed stationery is on sale here and if readily sold will help swell the coffers of the Society.

A pin has also been made, as ordered by the Society. This pin is of gold with the family coat-of-arms and motto and can be worn either as a pin, watch charm or fob, and costs \$5.00. Although the jeweler will not make separate pins for less than \$5.00, he will give the Society a rebate of 66 cents per pin, if ordered in lots of three. This rebate will pay for the die when the four pins on exhibition here with four more are sold, together with the eight already purchased. Then the Society will own the die and will benefit by the rebate. The money for the die was paid by the Secretary, so the Society has been at no expense for pins. The pins have been pronounced handsome emblems by those competent to judge of such matters.

Your Secretary purchased a scrap-book, as instructed at the Hartford gathering of last year, and it is her sincere wish that every member of the Society had time to read it. The clippings came in slowly and are not in chronological order, but perhaps it is just as interesting. The Wolcotts are a widespread family, and their activities are varied as their independent rule of life could make them. "Bound to swear in the words of no master" is as sure a Wolcott ideal today as in the days of Henry of Windsor.

Through the scrap-book, I find that the richest policeman in New York City is named Erastus Wolcott, and the paper adds that "the money was honestly made in land speculations."

The first man married in Chicago was one Dr. Alexander Wolcott, his wife being the daughter of John Kinzie, the first white settler in the city. It was from this branch of the family that one of our new members came, Mrs. Carrie Wolcott Reid of Chicago. From this branch came also Wolcott Balestier and his sister, who is the wife of the English author, Rudyard Kipling.

We have also in the scrap-book the story of Elihu Wolcott, who first settled at Jacksonville, Ill., in the days when his furniture had to be sent from the East by the way of New Orleans, and how it was delayed until the spring following the arrival of the family. It is interesting to read how they made the best of affairs and considered themselves well off because they had the only double cabin in the settlement, all other families living in one room. Yet they were happy, although the children slept up in a loft where they had to go outside the house and climb a ladder to get up to bed, and the loft had no windows. However, it would seem that this did not affect the ventilation since the chinks were large enough to let the snow pile up on the bed.

There is an interesting story of some of the Ohio branch of the family, and the fact that a Wolcott was the first white male child born in Farmington, Ohio, is noted, as well as the activity of the family in building mills, developing settlements, and proving themselves progressive citizens. One town took the name of Wolcottville.

There is sufficient proof in the clippings to show that the love of venturesome ways and the simple life was not confined to our forbears, since there is a story of Miss Ursula Wolcott Brown, who not long since made a trip, during a severe storm, in an airship, and another descendant, Walter Hayward Green, and wife, of New York, who are making a six-thousand mile canoe trip which has taken them already over a year, and during that time they have not slept under a roof more than a dozen nights.

We are told of the discovery by Herbert Wolcott, of Alamo Gordo, New Mexico, of a "sleepy grass" which has the effect of making cattle which eat it sleep for several days.

There is also much family history of the famous Wolcotts of Colonial and Revolutionary days, of brave men and courageous women, of the family traditions handed down from generation to generation, always new and interesting whenever told. Altogether, our scrap-book is one of which any family might well be proud.

I wish to extend my thanks to the President, Mr. Harry K. Wolcott, for his ready assistance whenever appealed to. In a large Society with a widely scattered membership, with officers so far apart, many emergencies arise in which the Secretary must take the initiative, without previous consultation with President or the Executive Board. During the two years I have been in office I have not appealed to the President without receiving immediate attention, and I have felt that he was ready to support my work in every way. I wish to thank the State vice-presidents who have aided me in bringing the work of the Society to the attention of such of our kinspeople as had heretofore given the matter little heed or who had, maybe, never heard of the Society before.

I wish to call the attention of the Society to the work done by the Vice-President, Mr. Judson E. Wolcott. No one except the Secretary could possibly know of his active, earnest work in behalf of the Society. Every week he is engaged in promoting the interests of the reunion, and whatever of success may attend the reunion would be divided in half were it not for his splendid efforts. I thank him for his personal help to me in the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

I have but one recommendation to make before closing my report. I would suggest that the Chairman of the Historical Committee be asked to give a report, embodying all new lines not in the genealogy, which are furnished by new members, the same to be printed in our

report, so that each year new material concerning the family shall be included in the printed reports of the proceedings.

There are some old reports left of different years. I have retained several sets for the Society, but would suggest that in places where there are historical societies or libraries that members in such places send the names to the Secretary and that these surplus reports be forwarded. I have received letters from some of the large public libraries asking for these reports and have sent them. The Society is thus named in the list of benefactors of such libraries.

Our membership is growing; our work is spreading; our efforts are bearing fruit, and the name of Wolcott promises to continue to be a synonym for good citizenship and pride of country in the future as it has in the past—brave men and loyal women who stand for America in her highest ideal of a peaceful republic.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY WOLCOTT GREEN,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion of Mr. Charles F. Wolcott, the Secretary's report was accepted with the thanks of the Society. Dr. Edwin Wolcott then offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Secretary-Treasurer of this Society, Dr. Mary Wolcott Green, has recently been granted the degree of Doctor of Literature by the Syracuse University, an honor conferred upon few women, and she being the only woman receiving a doctor's degree at Syracuse this year, it is resolved that this Society, in recognition of the honor, orders this fact spread upon the minutes.

The resolution was adopted after being seconded by Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Charles V. Paterno of New York City, a descendant, was introduced. She gave greetings and said this was the first time she had met with the clan, but hoped to have her family line completed back to Henry Wolcott before another year.

It was announced that Mr. John Wolcott, of the Treasury Department, a son of Mr. John Wolcott, of Washington, D. C., was one of the four men just appointed Commissioner to carry the money set apart by the government for the relief of stranded Americans left helpless abroad by the war which had just broken out in Europe.

Dr. Edwin H. Wolcott spoke concerning the family genealogy, saying that it was the intention of the Chairman of the Historical Committee to publish later a few pages of addenda, or corrections to the Wolcott Genealogy, and urged the necessity of completing various lines and furnishing new information.

The following telegram was received from the President of the California Genealogical Society:

Hon. H. K. WOLCOTT,  
President Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott,  
Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio.

The California Genealogical Society sends cordial greetings with the hope that you will arrange for a special meeting in San Francisco in 1915. Our Society trusts you will, at your annual meeting, appoint official delegates to represent the Wolcott Family Association at the International Genealogical Congress meeting in San Francisco in July, 1915. With the co-operation of your Society we hope to make the Genealogical Congress a great feature of the Exposition.

HENRY BYRON PHILLIPS,  
President California Genealogical Society.

By request, the following subjects as presented by the Congress were read to explain, somewhat, the scope of their work:

- (a) The relation between genealogical investigations and eugenics.
- (b) The establishment of a National Bureau of Heraldry in the United States, to become a recognized and accepted authority.
- (c) The establishment of a bureau wherein genealogists of standing shall be permitted to register so that a certain stamp of official approval may be placed upon their work.
- (d) Action looking to a uniform publication of the historical and vital records of various counties and States now unpublished, and the establishment of a National Bureau of Vital Records as a part of governmental records at Washington, similar to the records in the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, England.

The official delegations to the Congress will be limited to two members from each Society with a membership of 100, and one more for each additional hundred.

As there was no one present who expected to attend the Exposition between July 19 and August 2, 1915, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary should include this in her report, and if any of the members should attend the Exposition at this time, that such members' names should be forwarded for credentials as delegates. No further action was taken in the matter.

Mr. Harry A. Bliss of Cleveland, a descendant of Gov. Roger Wolcott, spoke of an old Bible belonging to his ancestor which had been left by his uncle with the Howard Museum in Hartford, which he wished to become the property of the Society. He felt that its preservation should be an object of the Society. He said that it



seemed to him when he visited the museum that the custodians did not realize its value.

It was moved by Miss Green and seconded by Dr. Edwin Wolcott that the guardianship of this Bible be accepted with thanks to the donor, and that a member of the Society be appointed to attend to this matter and see that every care is taken by the Howard Museum for its preservation. The motion was carried.

As Mr. Bliss had never been enrolled as a member of the Society, the Chairman, Mr. Duncan B. Wolcott, gave him an invitation.

Mr. Homer J. Wolcott, of Lockwood, Ohio, spoke of the Wolcotts who settled Farmington. His grandfather, Josiah Wolcott, came to Farmington in 1806 from Connecticut, and surveyed the town of Bristol, receiving in payment 1,000 acres of wild land. In 1814 his brother Theodore came out and settled a mile west of the Center, as Josiah's holding was known. Each brother organized a Congregational church just a mile apart. Around these two houses of worship in the woods grew up a little town and the rivalry between the little congregations was carried on between the two towns for many years. One always retained the name of the "Center" and the other was known as the "West Part," which continues to this day as a corporate village. The rivalry long since died away.

Theodore Wolcott built an academy at West Part which was for many years under control of the Congregational Church, but in time passed into the hands of the M. E. Church. This passed out of existence about two years ago, and now the public school is all they have. The house that Josiah Wolcott built still stands, very much as he left it, as does the house that his son, the father of Homer J. Wolcott, built for himself, which looks much as it did when built on the outside, but has been done over on the inside many times. A nephew of Homer J. Wolcott owns the original homestead and lives there—a continued occupancy by the Wolcotts for more than a century.

Mrs. Maria Burbridge Aten, a new member from Chicago, was introduced. She is a granddaughter of Rhoda Wolcott, born in Windsor, Conn., and came West when a young girl.

Miss Green urged upon the members the preparing of short sketches of their ancestors, including those personal touches not in the broader scope of genealogy. She read the following account of Silas Wolcott, founder of her own line.

### Silas Wolcott and His Descendants

The pioneer spirit has long been strong in the Wolcotts. The same desire for independence of thought and action that had led Henry Wolcott to leave his landed estate in England and come first to Massachusetts Bay and later into the Connecticut wilderness, has led many of his descendants to wander far into new fields, leading,

not following, the advance of civilization. They counted not the toils and privations of pioneer life, where there was a promise of independence at the end of the trail.

And these trails were not short, as distances were counted before the days of railroads and telegraphs, or even wagon roads, and always led not only to pioneer privations but often to painful separations. These pioneers founded their new homes and raised families, but with means of communication so limited that within a generation or two old family ties were forgotten, or if remembered, were so indefinitely remembered as to become almost wholly lost within the course of a few years.

Thus it is that there are scattered here and there, throughout all this broad land, little groups of Wolcotts tracing back from three to six generations by hazy traditions, but until the Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott was formed and the work of tracing the Wolcott genealogy taken up in a systematic way, were unaware that there were others than their own little group bound to them by ties of blood and kinship. If they did have any such knowledge it was so distorted and indefinite as to be valueless.

One of the best accomplishments of this Society has been the bringing together of these branches. This has been done by following broad lines, reaching out for everyone of the name, and opening the way for each to prove his kinship.

It is to aid these isolated branches, as well as to complete the records of those already in the Society that the Secretary recommends that a report on new material be incorporated each year in the annual report.

One such family is that founded by Silas Wolcott, in the township of Litchfield, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. A man of more than middle age, with a family of grown children, some already married when he moved there, he and his sons played their parts in turning the woodland into fertile farms, and if the old man spoke proudly of the fact that he fought in the War and that he was a cousin of the Oliver Wolcott who served in the cabinet of Washington, there was no communication between them and other Wolcotts. They were no satisfied with the fact that they were of the family and as good as any, and their children were far too busy making a living to bother further about their genealogy. In was this Society, together with the interest in such matters aroused by various patriotic organizations, that led to a search of the records condensed into this sketch.

Silas Wolcott (Josiah IV, George III, George II, Henry I) was born in New Hampshire, August 4, 1755. He was only a baby when his father moved to the new settlement of Newark, N. J., and only five years old when his mother died. An elder sister kept the family together during his early boyhood, though it is likely that Silas struck out for himself while in his teens, probably with his father's second marriage. Of that period of his life we know practically nothing. He learned to read and write and to cipher enough to keep his accounts and to do the figuring necessary to build and to operate a saw-mill, for he had learned the trade of millwright, and like most men of his time, we are told he liked an argument or a debate. There were no cheap newspapers then and debates and the discussions at public gatherings, especially on a "training day," were the chief sources of common education after the days of school and the three "R's."

With his trade he drifted, just when we do not know, to Lancaster, Pa., and was there when the Revolution began. He enlisted as a private in the First Pennsylvania Riflemen, on March 30, 1776. And right here I might mention one of the difficulties of the genealogist, the spelling of names, that of Silas Wolcott which is spelled no less than seven different ways in the official records.

The regiment to which Silas Wolcott belonged was authorized by Congress for home defense and mustered in four months before the Declaration of Independence—April 6, 1776. The regiment was of two battalions, one of riflemen and the other musketeers. Silas Wolcott was in Captain Caspar Weitzel's company, a rifleman or sharpshooter. Col. Samuel Miles commanded the regiment which moved to Philadelphia on July 2, and after the Declaration of Independence had been signed, marched to Trenton and thence across the State of New Jersey to Perth Amboy, where it joined the forces of General Mercer on July 16th. There came a month of watchful waiting, and then the regiment was ordered to the defense of Long Island, and on August 12th was brigaded with two others under General Alexander Lord Sterling.

Then came the battle of Long Island—the baptism of fire for the Americans—and defeat. Of the part taken by the Pennsylvanians we may judge by the losses of Capt. Weitzel's company—a lieutenant, two sergeants and sixteen privates being left dead on the field. Colonel Miles was among those taken prisoner. Silas Wolcott, No. 18 on the roll of his company the morning of the battle, was No. 7 the next day, eleven men ahead of him on the list having fallen in the fight.

The riflemen—and the roll calls show Silas Wolcott present—took part in the battle of Harlem Heights, the defense of Fort Washington and the retreat across the State of New Jersey. It was in General Hand's brigade, under Washington's own command at New Brunswick, on November 27th, that they took part in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and in the following March was consolidated into a regiment of foot, Silas Wolcott being at that time in Captain John Robb's company. Colonel Stewart commanded the new regiment in the battle of the Brandywine and at Germantown that fall, and with it went into winter quarters at Valley Forge. The regiment was then organized as the 13th Pennsylvania Line, but was mustered out in April, 1778. Silas Wolcott, in his pension application, gives the date of his own discharge as January 1, 1778, but he was in the border service—that is, the militia—some time after that.

Returning to Lancaster he married, March 2, 1778, Margaret Rowan, who lived in Donegal township, now Dauphin County, Pa. Silas Wolcott and his brother Paul appear in the 80's on the tax list of what is now Lockhaven, Pa., and it is likely they had taken up soldiers' land there. But Silas evidently did not remain long.

The Sullivan expedition had cleared the Indians from the Great Lake country of Central New York, and with the war over Massachusetts began to send settlers to hold her "claims" there, as Connecticut had sent hers into the Wyoming Valley. When the first of these Massachusetts settlers forced their way through the wilderness to Catherinestown, now Havana, N. Y., they found Silas Wolcott, who had already located and built a saw-mill. He was the first white settler there, though others had preceded those from the "Bay State."

Later, Silas Wolcott lived in Cherry Valley, then at Ithaca, and moved to Litchfield township, about three miles above Tioga Point, now Athens, Pa., on the Susquehanna River, about 1806, after two of his sons had married daughters of Corporal Thomas Park, the first settler in the township, who lived at the State line. Silas Wolcott died in 1834. He had four sons and five daughters. Elijah Wolcott, the eldest son, had twelve children, and most of their descendants live in or about Litchfield. One of his sons, Amos Prentiss Wolcott, was a colonel on the staff of Governor McLean. A sister of Elijah Wolcott married Thomas Munn, also of Litchfield, and had twelve sons and one daughter, all of whom lived to have families of their own. A brother, Benjamin Wolcott, married Elizabeth Merrill, and each of the two daughters of Elijah Wolcott married a Merrill, and in August I attended a reunion of the Merrill-Munn families, at which about 500 persons were present, and nearly all of whom were, by three lines, also of Wolcott blood.

Silas Park Wolcott, son of Elijah, was the father of Mrs. Mary Ann Dunham, one of our energetic vice-presidents. The youngest child of Elijah and the only one now living was my mother, who has attended several meetings of this Society.

Benjamin Wolcott, son of Silas and brother of Elijah, was the father of Ransom, Henry and Ellsworth, among others, and the grandfather of our poet laureate, Wellman Wolcott, and his sisters, who are members of the Society, and also several of the Michigan cousins.

I would like to extend this paper with more names, but these would be tiresome when read at such a gathering. For the benefit of present and prospective members, however, I shall ask permission of the Society to edit this paper and make such genealogical additions as may be of value before it goes into the permanent records.

### Wednesday Evening—Annual Banquet

On Wednesday evening, sixty-seven members of the family sat down to a banquet in the Lattice Room of The Statler. Mr. L. Bruce Wolcott of Baltimore, presided as toast-master. After a humorous introduction, he called upon Mr. Duncan Brewster Wolcott of Kent, Ohio, to speak on "The Responsibility of Heritage," which he did as follows:

Mr. Toast-Master and Members of the Society of the Descendants of Henry Wolcott: We have met once more at a family home-coming under the kindly auspices of the Cleveland Wolcotts and those of the Western Reserve.

It is eminently fitting that we assemble in this locality. For we, as sons and daughters of the good old "Nutmeg State," are now in the New Connecticut of the West, in that famous section of Ohio, settled and peopled by New Englanders under the formation of the Connecticut Western Reserve.

On an occasion like this it is well for us to stop to take a personal inventory of ourselves—what we are, where we came from, what we owe to the generations that are gone and what we must impart to those that must take up our work when we are done.

As descendants of Henry Wolcott, the emigrant from Tolland, we are essentially English. From the mother-country we received our language, our forms of jurisprudence, our general ideals of life, our love of individual justice and freedom of individual thought.

So long as the family remained in the state of its adoption they intermarried with their own country people, and any admixture with foreign blood came only in the last two or three generations, when the family had commenced to scatter into other localities. It is a pure type of English stock—a New England-bred family—and so far as I have ever learned, all of the name of Wolcott in America spring from one source, the Wolcotts of the Connecticut Valley, descendants of the first Henry who settled in Windsor in 1630.

We are here tonight in this delightful spot, in this beautiful city, in a country where life is worth living, at peace with all the world, because away back in the early days of the seventeenth century that bluff country gentleman of Tolland, England, left a home of comparative comfort and turned his face across the seas to try his fortunes in a new and distant land.

We are thankful that fate decreed that men of his worth and intelligence chose to leave the land of their birth, to found a new country and a new civilization, where freedom of thought and action could be exercised without the limitations of moth-eaten monarchies.

Those old Puritans of New England mixed liberty and intolerance in a strange manner. They believed in religious liberty, as viewed from their standpoint, but the exact brand of liberal religion brought across the Atlantic was not liberal enough for some. Everything, even nature, combined to make those early settlers harsh and intolerant of other people's ideas. The cold, bleak winters, the rocks of the upper Atlantic coast—all tended to mould a race of stern men and women.

The Puritan mother helped to carve out the nation as well as did the Puritan father, but the father was always the head of the household. The mother in those days did not have to worry over the

rights of suffrage, or what make of auto they should get, or how long it would be the fashion to wear a tube skirt, with the inner tube left out.

I am reminded in this connection of a saying attributed to the Kaiser William that women are for "church, children, and cooking." Nowadays they seem to take all these in "homeopathic doses." Then they bore and buried their children in great numbers and most of them yielded up their lives when young.

Hundreds of gravestones in New England, with slight modification, testify that "Mary Ann died at the age of twenty-six, leaving eight children to the tender mercy of God."

I will not impose upon your time nor patience to recount the honors and achievements of the Wolcotts of Colonial days. They are spread upon the pages of the history of the old Commonwealth of Connecticut. They are also so charmingly and graphically portrayed in that work of immeasurable value—The Wolcott Memorial. Every member of the family in the land owes an everlasting debt of gratitude to the revered author, Dr. Samuel Wolcott, of this city.

No family was more honored, more truly American, more conspicuous in public and civic life. Scarcely any gift of office within the Commonwealth but was filled by some member of the family.

We have made two pilgrimages back to the cradle of our forefathers—back across the vale of centuries to the paths they trod, back to the peaceful burying grounds, where they are laid away with only the stars of God to watch over them.

Sometimes we feel that the present day Wolcotts are less prominent than were their early fathers; that we can be compared to the hill of potatoes—the best part underground. But we must remember that there was less competition for high honors in their time, and that many of our family achieved fame when armed conflict was the order of the day.

I do not believe that the family of today in its entirety has lost any of its old time vigor, its sterling qualities, and its characteristics of good citizenship.

In their first home they had an early lesson in self-government, for no other colony enjoyed such a democratic form of government as did the colony of Connecticut, with the possible exception of Rhode Island. They had a liberal charter from the very first, which was never changed until the formation of the States.

From the first settlements at Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, the family grew and sought new firesides across the Alleghenies, and then beyond the Rockies, wherever opportunity called them in the winning of the West.

My own immediate branch settled in Ohio, in Summit County, about a century ago, my great grandfather having been a surveyor for the Connecticut Land Company. It is related that my Great-grandmother Wolcott, being homesick to visit Connecticut, made the journey back alone on horseback, returning in the same manner through the unbroken wilds to her new home.

If we never before appreciated the debt which we owe to those who made our being here possible in this beloved country, we do so just now. When the Old World is torn and rent by contending armies with no valid excuse for attempting their mutual destruction, with all its attending misery and woe, we, almost alone in the world, are at peace with all mankind.

We have heeded the prophetic words of Washington to keep free from any entangling alliances. Great oceans are our chief frontiers, which, with our Anglo-Saxon neighbors on the North, makes a foreign war next to impossible. On every hand we hear people of every nationality saying: "I am glad that I live in America and not in Europe!"

We hope and pray that when the people now at war have exhausted their jealousies and greed that the world will never again permit such an awful calamity.

It is a distinct loss to civilization, a loss of young manhood for which generations must suffer and pay the toll. And when this strife is over all eyes will turn for relief and hope like a guiding star to our own blessed America. We will be the clearing-house of peace, plenty and prosperity.

That we live in such a land of security, we are again reminded, is not due to ourselves alone, but rather to the Henry Wolcotts of early days.

Men are all too self-conceited: We take too much credit to ourselves for what we enjoy, when in fact the present merely represents the resultant of years of toil and effort by a slow evolution now springing into its full being. We take a just pride in our schools and universities. But who made them possible? Not you or I. We are simply gathering the fruits made possible by those who planted these young trees of knowledge and sacrificed time and money in their nourishment before we were born. Can the educational world measure its debt of gratitude to Horace Mann? This pioneer in the little college of Antioch kindled the fires of education in Ohio, until today there are more students in schools of higher education in the "Buckeye State" than in any other in the Union.

Who is responsible for all our comforts, our scientific marvels, our thousand and one blessings showered down upon us? Surely, the chief credit must go to the toilers who silently worked on when no man applauded; who met discouragement and failure and whose chief asset was faith in themselves, their work, and their ultimate success!

Take for example the Wright Brothers of Dayton. They were dubbed crazy lunatics because they were trying to do the thing that no other person had done. But they proved that the thing could be done. The laws of gravity were defied, and men fly.

It is a common error to put too much emphasis upon the worth of men who rode to fame over the dead and bleeding bodies of their fellow-men. Every schoolboy knows of Caesar, of Napoleon, of Hannibal, and of Alexander. But ask him who Morton was and what he discovered and he is silent. It is not his fault but rather our own. There has been held up to him false ideals of greatness.

Put in your histories and into your schoolrooms the names and faces of those men whose life-work has been creative instead of destructive. Men like Morton, who from his great discovery of the use of anesthetics have alleviated the bed of suffering and pain by the means of a blessed form of insensibility; men like Louis Pasteur, who have made life more secure from destructive germs; men like Luther Burbank, who have made two blades of grass grow where there was but one before; men like Thomas Edison, who have turned night into day—that wizard of science who has snatched from the realms of mystery the wonders of the twentieth century. The works of such

men have made life sweeter, have cheered the disheartened, and brought everlasting blessings to the world we live in. They are the true giants of history.

Our country has lost to a great extent its Anglo-Saxon traits. Every year a new avalanche of immigrants seek a haven upon our shores, and with them comes an added responsibility upon us to maintain the high ideals and principles of our forefathers. It is a grave problem how far this process of assimilation can be carried on in this great melting pot of ours.

Realizing our heritage let us not forget these great responsibilities, for if they are not solved now we may be too late. As we glory in our country, we can take a just pride in our immediate line of ancestry in the part it has played. Not in a boastful spirit, for no one cares for the past unless it is reflected in the present.

Let us strive to make the last link equal to its predecessors that it may continue on to stand the stress of time eternal, and as Goethe says:

"Happy the man who remembers his progenitors with pride; who relates with pleasure the story of the greatness of their deeds, and, silently rejoicing, sees himself linked to the end of this goodly chain."

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Miss Lila P. Robeson, of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, sang an aria from "Samson and Delilah"—"My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice"—and later sang the "Harbor Night Song," by Sanderson, graciously responding to hearty encores.

Mr. Homer J. Wolcott of Lockwood, Ohio, responded to the toast, "The Wolcott Fathers." He said in part:

Can you imagine eternity by looking into the starry space? As much can we imagine what Henry Wolcott endured living down in Connecticut, by looking at the country today.

The beautiful fields, now glowing brilliant with the harvest was then a virgin forest. Before he could reap the harvest he had to clear out the trees, plow up the roots and sow grain. There was no harvesting by machinery. It was done by a sickle. They knew what work was in those days, as they hewed and cut, cleared land, planted and reaped, and built their homes to endure, of which we can know nothing.

But after all, the strongest and greatest thing they built was character. This national society is far greater than Mrs. Sereno Wolcott and I, who started it, ever dreamed of; but as we will soon be dropping out of work, we leave it to good hands. Carry on the task begun—the bringing together and passing upon the records of a fine American family of high deeds and noble purposes.

Miss Mary Wolcott Green, called upon to speak of "The Wolcott Mothers," responded:

It is somewhat hard for me to speak about the Wolcott mothers to-night, for my mind keeps turning back to one Wolcott mother in New York, who serene and unafraid, is fast approaching the mysterious country where her twelve brothers and sisters as well as her life companion have gone before. As a type of the Wolcott women she has ever stood to me an ideal—facing toil, sorrow, danger, trouble and loss with that sublime faith in God that knows neither defeat nor disaster.



Elizabeth Saunders, the helpmeet of Henry of Windsor, brought across the sea with her this spirit. Guided by love, she helped to make the wilderness blossom into a garden; and having helped to found a home passed to her daughters for generations to come, an ideal of womanly faithfulness, devotion and love. Hers was no smooth path, but even as the women in the midst of the booming cannon across the water, are silently bearing the greatest burden of the war, so did the Wolcott mothers bear their part in making America what she is, and her greatness rests today upon the American homes.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has said:

“Laugh and the world laughs with you;  
Weep and you weep alone;  
For this sad old earth has need of mirth—  
It has sorrow enough of its own.”

So as I have been requested, I am going to give you a little monologue of one type of woman who is an American mother, not of the Wolcott type.

Following the monologue, Miss Green responded to an encore.

Mr. Henry K. Wolcott of Batavia, spoke of “The Wolcotts in the Civil War”:

“I personally knew very few Wolcotts in the Civil War except my brother and myself,” he said, “but I know there were many, and that they did their duty as it came to them I have no doubt. War tries the courage of a man, but oftentimes through that trial comes a sense of patriotic duty of which he might have been ignorant before. The name of Wolcott is one of patriotism, a reminder of duty performed at any time.”

Mr. E. A. Woodruff of Jefferson, Ohio, responding to the toast of “The Ladies,” said:

The first woman I ever loved was a Wolcott—my mother, now seventy-seven years old, who is not able to be present. All the Wolcott women look good to me, but as far as my telling before my wife what I think of the ladies, it is asking too much, Mr. Toast-Master.

Dr. Edwin Wolcott of Rochester, N. Y., responded to “The Wolcott Doctors:”

Dr. Alexander Wolcott, the famous Revolutionary surgeon, had a slave named Primus who, having gained a little knowledge of medicine from the doctor, began to practice for himself. Having been called to visit a sick baby, he stopped in to see Dr. Wolcott. The doctor asked him if there was anything he could do for him and Primus replied: “Oh no; I told 'em they needn't bother to send so far for me—when they were sick to just send for you.”

There are two well known doctors of the present century in the family: one has but recently passed away—a splendid man, and known to the profession—Dr. Oliver Wolcott of Ohio. Another whose name has spread beyond his own state is Dr. Alexander Wolcott of Wisconsin.

The life of a physician or a surgeon is a stern fight and a hard one, and there may be many of the Wolcott family who have engaged in this profession, but I know but few. However, even the most solemn occasion may give place to a sense of humor.

A surgeon seeing a woman unconscious on a stretcher, whose feet were covered with bunions, remarked: "Madam, you have the knobbiest pair of feet I ever saw!"

Hearing Bruce of Baltimore and Judson of Cleveland here quarreling over the merits of their respective cities, makes me think of another story. At a dinner, a colonel from Seattle heard fine speakers from Los Angeles praising that city in such glowing terms that there could be no doubt but that all the greatness of the world was encompassed by its boundaries. At last one remarked: "There is no other city so fine as Los Angeles if we only had such water as you have here in Seattle." The Colonel said: "Gentlemen, I've solved that problem. Get water by pipe line. Just lay a pipe and if you can all suck as hard as you blow you will have no trouble."

We are each proud of our country and proud of our own particular section of country, because there we realize the great underlying influence of our forefathers.

Some time ago I read "The Glory of the Country," by Susan Gaspell, and that gives this principle in beautiful terms. A picture of a statue representing a woman carrying a soldier on her shoulders from the battlefield. In his hand is tightly grasped a broken sword. The woman is looking backward. The discussion of this statue is the keynote of the world's situation. When we get through with this senseless struggle in Europe—this awful carnage—then peace may reign for a thousand years, but the awful effects of the struggle will last for a century."

Mr. Fredrick Wolcott of Cleveland was next called upon. He said:

Owing to the lateness of the hour I shall be like the man who rose in protracted meeting and said: "What shall I say! What shall I say!" to which a wag responded: "Just say, Amen." I'll say, Amen.

Mr. Judson E. Wolcott of Cleveland, responding to "Cleveland in 1920," said:

Cleveland in 1920 means 1,000,000 people. Then Baltimore will probably be grieving over their little 750,000. To this Mrs. Bruce Wolcott remarked: "Mr. Wolcott, come down and see."

Among others who responded were Mrs. Charles V. Paterno of New York City; Mr. C. F. Wolcott, State Vice-President from Ohio; Mrs. Katherine Wolcott MacMillan of Chicago; Mrs. Judson E. Wolcott of Cleveland; Mrs. Sereno Wolcott of East Orwell, Ohio, one of the founders of the Society; Dr. Charles V. Paterno of New York City.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Miss Robeson for her splendid musical treat and to Mr. Judson E. Wolcott for his excellent arrangements for the banquet.

## Morning Session, Thursday, Sept. 3d

At the opening of the session Thursday morning the report of the Treasurer was read as follows:

The finances of the Society vary considerably from year to year, as some members pay dues for only one year, some leave them for two or three years, and then pay up arrears and some pay only for the years in which they can attend the reunion.

The present financial condition of the Society is as follows:

### Receipts:

Balance in Treasury on August 7, 1913.....	\$8.63
Received from Dues and Reports.....	221.15
Special Subscription, Mrs. Annie Clay Wolcott..	2.00
Sale of Pins .....	55.00
Sale of Stationery .....	30.37
Sale of Badges .....	10.00
Left from Banquet .....	2.00
Contributed, Mr. C. F. Wolcott.....	3.50
	\$332.65

### Expenditures:

Printing .....	\$87.65
Letter-Heads, Envelopes .....	\$10.75
1,300 Invitations .....	12.25
500 Circular Letters .....	5.00
200 Banquet Tickets .....	.75
Card .....	.40
500 Reports .....	58.50
	\$267.39
Postage .....	24.76
Die for Stationery .....	15.00
Stationery (embossed coat-of-arms) .....	16.38
Pins (official, with coat-of-arms).....	55.00
Badges .....	11.10
Salary Secretary-Treasurer .....	50.00
Two Banquet Tickets .....	4.00
Expenses, State Vice-President .....	3.50
	\$65.26

This does not include the postage of the Historical Committee.

I find that my predecessors in office reported interest received on money deposited. It is the custom in New York banks to demand that from \$100 to \$500 be kept in the bank in order to maintain a checking account. Otherwise, from fifty cents to one dollar per month is charged for the privilege. It is by especial courtesy to your Secretary-Treasurer that we do not have to pay consideration for caring for our funds. This is the reason I have no interest to report.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY WOLCOTT GREEN,  
Treasurer.

After the Treasurer's report was accepted, Mr. Judson E. Wolcott suggested that Miss Robeson be paid for her singing at the banquet. Upon motion of Mr. Fred Wolcott, seconded by Mr. Warren Wolcott, a check for \$20.00 was sent to Miss Robeson, as a token of appreciation.

Upon motion of Mr. Fred Wolcott it was decided that the reunion should be always held on the second Wednesday and Thursday in August. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warren Wolcott.

Invitations were received from Warren, Ohio, Syracuse, N. Y., Chicago, Ill., and New York City, as places for holding the next meeting of the Society. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next reunion at Syracuse, N. Y., August 11 and 12, 1915.

It was moved by Mr. Dorr Wolcott and seconded by Mr. Bruce Wolcott that the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer be increased to \$100.00 per year, providing the finances of the Society warrant the same. Carried.

The Nominating Committee, Warren Wolcott, Jefferson, Ohio, Chairman; Fred J. Wolcott, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Bruce L. Wolcott, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Katherine Wolcott McMillan, Chicago, Ill.; and Charles F. Wolcott, Cleveland, Ohio, submitted the following ticket, which was unanimously elected:

President, Duncan Brewster Wolcott, Kent, Ohio.  
First Vice-President, Judson E. Wolcott, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Second Vice-President, Dr. Edwin H. Wolcott, Rochester, N. Y.  
Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Wolcott Green, New York, N. Y.  
Chair. Historical Committee, Chandler Wolcott, Rochester, N. Y.  
Chair. Executive Committee, Clarence E. Wolcott, Syracuse, N. Y.

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### Poet Laureate

Wellman Wolcott, Columbus, Ohio.

Thursday afternoon the members were taken for a long drive in automobiles around Cleveland and through the Rockefeller estate. The evening was devoted to an informal program and an enjoyable, real old time family reunion, with music, dancing and stories.

Among the visitors were: Mr. John Wolcott of Harrisburg, Ill., and Mr. William Wolcott of Winchester, Ky., relatives of if not descendants of Henry Wolcott. Their father owned the Wolcott mill in Tolland, England, and left there when Mr. John Wolcott was about fourteen years of age. If the present genealogical researches prove successful it is hoped that they may be enrolled as members of the Society by the next reunion.

Another visitor of interest was Mrs. ~~Elen~~ Grant ~~Wilton~~ whose ancestors, the Grants, came over with Henry Wolcott on the "Mary and John," in 1630.

## Extract from Constitution and By-Laws of The Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott

### Article I.

This organization shall be known as "The Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott."

### Article II.

The purpose of this Society shall be the collection and preservation of records, papers and other data of historic interest and value to the family; the compiling and bringing to date the genealogical records of the family; the preservation of family monuments and antiquities; and to bring the various members of the family into closer acquaintanceship by assembling in social enjoyment.

### Article III.

Any lineal descendant of Henry Wolcott who emigrated from Tolland, England, May 30, 1630, and settled in Windsor, Conn., may become a member of this Society upon the payment of such dues as may be required; and by conforming to the rules and regulations adopted by this organization.

### Article IV.

The annual dues of this Society shall be the sum of Two Dollars, which shall be paid by every member thereof. Such payment by member shall extend the privileges thereof to a wife or husband and to all children under eighteen years of age. The fiscal year of the Society shall extend from January first of one year to January first of the next year.

## Special Announcements

Paper embossed with the Wolcott coat-of-arms may be obtained in any quantity from the Secretary, at the price of twenty-five cents a dozen sheets; envelopes at the same price. This includes the postage by parcels post.

The pins of the Society with the coat-of-arms of gold may be purchased from the Secretary. The price is five dollars. If any calls are received for the pin in silver, arrangements can be made with the same jeweler. As a pin, it has a ring so that it can be used as a charm if desired. This ring turns back when worn as a pin. For a watch charm only a ring is put on.

The Secretary will be glad to receive clippings relative to the family and desires all news of births, marriages and deaths sent that current history may be reported.

If you are now a member of the Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott, kindly send your checks or money order for dues to Mary Wolcott Green, Secretary-Treasurer, 613 Prospect Street, West New Brighton, New York City, as soon as possible.

If you are not a member, will you not look up your genealogy, and if eligible make application for membership through the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairman of the Historical Committee?

For the first time the report is printed by one of the members of the Society, Mr. Edmund Wolcott of the Patten Press of New York. He has taken a personal interest and this shows in the fine appearance of the report.





## Members of The Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott

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